



ALEXANDRIA:

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 1860.

So there is no fusion in Virginia—between the Breckinridge and Douglas parties—as, indeed, after what had passed, there could not well have been. Each party nominates straight-out electoral tickets—and each party agrees, if its electors should be chosen, that they should vote as to defeat the members of Lincoln. We presume that the members of the Charlottesville and Staunton Conventions must have been satisfied that neither Breckinridge nor Douglas stand the remotest "chance" for election—and as that "chance" argument was a famous and favorite one a short time ago against Bell and Everett, now that the tables have been turned, we hope it will have its due weight with those who so lately seemed deeply impressed with its importance. The nature of the "irrepressible conflict" between the partisans of Breckinridge and Douglas, may be better known from the speeches delivered in both Conventions, than from the actual official proceedings, recorded. There were efforts to be sure, at pacification—but the tone, and temper and feeling of most of the leaders and of the masses, exhibited embittered hostility on points of principle and policy. As Mr. Douglas himself says, "oil and water cannot mix." As, therefore, there can be no union between the opposing factions of the late Democratic party, and as both sides profess to be anxious above all other things, early, to prevent the election of Lincoln, we hope they may agree to unite upon Bell and Everett, the only chance now left to secure that great and desirable object.

The Staunton Vindicator contends that Mr. J. R. Tucker, in 1856 was a very different man from Mr. J. R. Tucker of 1860—on the Squatter Sovereignty subject—as in the former year, 1856—he offered the following resolution in a Democratic Caucus:

"That the Territories belonging to the United States are, and of right should be, open to the full and equal emigration of the citizens of the States of the Union, with such property as may be secured to them by the laws of either; and that there is no authority which can restrict such emigration, except that of a State, which may be constituted under the authority of a law of Congress or by the people of its territory in conformity with the laws of its local legislature, established by the action of Congress."

We briefly mentioned, yesterday, the new novel "Nemesis," by Marion Harland. It is a very interesting story, with several of the characters admirably drawn, and upon the whole will increase the fame, as it demonstrates the ability, of the author, in the line which she has chosen for her literary labors. We are not apt to commend or thin; well of modern novels generally—especially the "popular novels of the day"—as they are called. But when an American lady produces the works that have emanated from the pen of "Marion Harland," it is proper that her own countrymen should bestow upon her the merited commendation of praise.

The Petersburg Bulletin says, "the Bell and Everett party can do no good, but only mischief—they can lessen the vote of Breckinridge and Lane without helping themselves." Fairly, and softly helping Breckinridge. "The boot is on the other leg." It is *good* side of the house that can "do no good" in the present crisis. But "come over into Macedonia and help us"—and we will be ready to acknowledge that you are potent "for good."

The Chicago papers give accounts of the vast influx of grain into that city, by different railroads. The corn trains are filled with wheat and corn. On the Illinois Central Road 249 freight cars arrived in 24 hours—and the amount of grain received in the city in that time was 229,905 bushels.—The large crops made in the West and North West will, it is said, infuse fresh vigor and prosperity into that region of country.

A letter from Charlottesville, in the Lynchburg Republican, says that the Breckinridge Convention could have easily adjourned sooner than it did "if it had not been for a few empty barrels that unfortunately will always attend such meetings, and a few men who think they know everything and more besides and that every body ought to yield to their superior wisdom." The letter writer is evidently not "satisfied."

A letter from Fairfax County, says—"The Bell and Everett men with us are now courageous, hopeful, enthusiastic, and working with a will. The hitherto 'invincible democracy' are wavering and uncertain." Another letter from the same county says—"I expect to see many of our Democratic friends joining hands with the Whigs, in the effort to elect Bell and Everett."

A letter from the White Sulphur Springs says that there is a very quiet crowd of people there now—but few very pretty ladies or fast ones—that a great improvement has been made in attending to the comfort and accommodation of the guests—and that social enjoyment prevails to the exclusion, in a great degree, of politics and other "disturbing influences."

The contest between Tennessee and Kentucky now is—between which give the largest majority for Bell and Everett. We wish Virginia would unite in that contest. Why not?

The friends of Senator Hamlin, of Me., deny the truth of the accusation brought against him, of lobbying a bill through Congress for a fee of \$7,500.

News from Buenos Ayres is to June 29.—A compact union between the Argentine Confederation and the province of Buenos Ayres was ratified by both governments on the 19th. A decree was immediately issued for the assembling of a convention. Until Congress remains at present, Buenos Ayres remains as at present. Early next year Buenos Ayres will surrender her independence and become once more a member of the confederation.

The steamship Quaker City has arrived.—She left Havana on the 15th. A contract to pave the city of Havana with Belgian pavement has been made. News from St. Thomas by the same steamer is to the 1st inst. On the day previous, a severe shock of earthquake was experienced. No damage of property or loss of life is reported. The weather at the island was very pleasant and the health remarkably good.

Ronde and one Farini—rivals in the "brooding business"—are astonishing the spectators by their marvellous feats at Niagara. They think nothing of "going over the falls" on the tight rope, with cooking stoves tied to their backs, and other such like performances.

The Parana, the Glasgow, and the Etna steamers, from Europe, all arrived at the close of last week bringing English dates to the 8th. Our summaries and extracts have furnished all the most important intelligence by these arrivals.

Maj. Donaldson, U. S. A., has presented to the Maryland Agricultural Society two "four horned rams," captured from the Navajo Indians. He says that this breed of sheep have sometimes six and even seven horns on each head.

If Lincoln should be elected President, the divided Democratic party cannot lay the blame at the doors of the Whigs and Union men of the country. "Thou canst not say we did it."

The Porto Rico correspondent of the Diario de la Marina, writing on the 2d inst., says the yellow fever was raging there with great fierceness, attacking not only foreigners but natives. The new Governor, Senor Echague, was expected every day.

The friends of Bell and Everett, in Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana, are holding their Conventions, organizing their party, and nominating their electoral tickets.

Advices from Denver city to the 11th speak favorably of money operations in that neighborhood. The first regular U. S. mail had arrived.

Peter Force, esq., has been appointed Major General, and Col. Hickey, Brigadier General of the militia of the District of Columbia.

On Friday evening last there was a large gathering of those favorable to the election of the Bell and Everett ticket held at Brooklyn, N. Y.

In his speech at Charlottesville, Senator Mason denied a charge that he had called the Douglas Democracy the "leprous Democracy."

The friends of Bell and Everett, at Markham, Fauquier Co., have organized a fine club and are preparing to have a flag raised.

In Paraguay, Railroads through the most productive regions are being vigorously built.

The latest accounts from Pernambuco represent yellow fever to have been raging there. At Balize, it had ceased.

Speaker Pennington declines a re-election to the next Congress. He will serve out his present term.

It is said that Senator Douglas will arrive in Baltimore from his recent tour to the North on Thursday.

Dr. Richard C. Mason has been elected Presiding Justice of the County Court of Fairfax.

J. Buchanan Cross, the forger, has been sent to the Penitentiary in Philadelphia for five years.

"Ion," the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says, that the Breckinridge is in favor of the Pacific Railroad.

FROM LIBERIA.—An arrival from Africa announces that the packet "Mary Caroline Stevens" was spoken on the 3rd of June, about ten miles from Monrovia, for which the M. C. Stevens is expected back by the middle of September. A large and promising company of emigrants will embark on her for Liberia, from Baltimore, November 1.

They have not discovered coal in the Bassa county, Liberia, as supposed. It turns out to be a kind of lignite.

President Benson has advertised a reward of two hundred dollars for the discovery of genuine coal within the bounds of the Republic.

The principal items of intelligence will be found in the subjoined extracts from letters written to the *Alexandria Gazette* and *Virginia Advertiser*.

The present prospects are very favorable to abundant rice crops the ensuing harvest. The palm oil and camwood trade is also opening vigorously; and our merchants and traders are steadily extending their commercial operations.

President Benson writes, under date of May 22d—"The agricultural prospects of the Republic were never so bright. This season's crop of sugar, molasses and syrup, is far in advance—both as to quantity and quality—of the last. Nor has there ever been a better palm oil yield in Liberia than the present. Two Litterian vessels, the brig E. N. Royce and schooner Moses Sheppard, the former belonging to Mr. Royce and the latter to Messrs. M. Gill Bros., left here last week with full cargoes of Liberian produce for England. This we may regard as a more encouraging sign."

ATTENTION WHIGS.—From all the information we can gather the friends of Bell and Everett, are preparing to have a great gathering on the 24th and 25th, next Friday and Saturday. From all parts of the country, we expect to meet our brethren, as like-wise from Alexandria, Rappahannock, Culpeper and Loudoun. To all we invite a cordial welcome, and should they come we will have such a reunion of patriots as we will not see for 40 or 44 or 48. Besides our own orators, others of distinction will be present.

So let all come who can to the feast, and partake of wine and bread, which will be in abundance. Kentucky and North Carolina, have spoken. Let Virginia be heard!

To the name of the committee of invitation we cordially invite the Bell and Everett Clubs of Alexandria and Culpeper, to be present and participate with us on the 24th and 25th. They will receive a warm welcome from the Whigs of Fauquier.—*Warrenton Whig*.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the times."

Last week the New York police made a descent upon two disreputable houses in the 4th ward, and arrested every person they could find, male and female, young and old. The result was that upwards of seventy men, women and girls were lodged in the station-house. About seven of them in the morning house, consisting of girls of 16 years, and women from 20 to 40 years of age, and men who had taken lodgings for the night, moved along Pearl and Centre streets to the Tombs, followed by nearly two thousand of the curious. Among this gang of prisoners was one woman who said she was married, had a home, husband and four children. Last night she begged for the sake of her life to be let go. She said if her husband knew that she had gone to that house he would shoot her.

The New York World states that there are now loading at the wharves, in New York, for ports in Europe, twenty-seven vessels, representing over twenty-five thousand tons. There are very few idle vessels. On Tuesday there were in port twenty steamships, one hundred and sixteen ships, one hundred and ten barques, eighteen briggs, and one hundred and eighty schooner, making a total of four hundred and eighty-four vessels in port, not including colliers, &c.

The Annapolis Republican announces the death of Capt. Richard L. Crabbe, one of the most prominent citizens of that place, after an illness of only a few days. The deceased was a member of the legislature from Montgomery county as far back as 1812; and subsequently represented that city on several occasions in the House of Delegates. He was also postmaster at Annapolis during the administration of Mr. Van Buren.

Richard Burton, the well known English author and pilgrim to Mecca and Medina, is now in this country. He made his pilgrimage to the shrine of the prophet alone, in the guise of an Arab, and feasted his eyes on sights which no other unbeliever ever saw. He passed successfully as a native Arab, of the language of which country he made himself the master, and was even instrumental in saving the life of the Sultan, being called in as a physician.

About thirty families were deprived of houses and homes by the late conflagration at Salisbury, Md., but the prompt and generous contributions of the public will, it is hoped, avert much distress that would otherwise prevail. The Salisbury Sentinel states that on Tuesday last a check for \$1,000 contributed by citizens of Baltimore, for the relief of the sufferers, was received.

The failure of the Oregon war debt bill in Congress seems to have created disquiet in Oregon. The question connects itself with politics there, and will, it is said, control all the elections. The advocates of the bill maintain that the debt created by the Oregon Indian war does not exceed in amount the sum which the same service would have cost had it been performed by the regular army.

This Boston Courier says—"We publish the remarkable story—strange, indeed, and we are assured true—touching a young man who is bound in two wills—his father demanding that he should marry no person whose feet exceeded a certain size; and his mother enjoining him with equal severity, that the maiden's hair should be of a certain hue."

The ninety-cent postage stamp has just been issued. The centre of the stamp has a figure of Washington, taken from a portrait painted at the time of his resigning his command of the army. The color of the ground is blue. The denomination of the stamps now in use consist of one, three, ten, twelve, twenty-four, thirty and ninety cents.

The State of Iowa has been most signally blessed in the abundance of her crops. We have seen a report of the Secretary of the Agricultural College of Ohio which indicates a fair estimate of the resources of the State for the year 1860, arising from the sale of wheat, cattle, and hogs, after deducting the amount required for home consumption, would amount to \$14,200,000.

The Cooperstown (N. Y.) Journal gives a favorable account of hops and hops, and adds—"Orders have been received in this county, during the past four or five days, from parties east to contract for eight or ten thousand bushels of the new crop, and the buyers are now at making contracts, agreeing to pay from 10 to 15 cents.

More frauds are practiced proportionally in the sale of pictures than in that of any other foreign article, liquors not excepted. Large sums of money are expended every year in this country for pictures which are falsely represented to be the work of distinguished artists.

The National Recorder is the title of a neat and well printed weekly newspaper just started on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, under the publication being Drummondtown, in Accomac county. This is, it is stated, the first newspaper ever published in that section of the State.

The New Orleans papers continue to give accounts of damage done below that city by the late storm. The Bulletin says—"All the new buildings lately erected at the Salt Works, at the head of the Passes, were swept away, and eleven negroes drowned."

The Baltimore American says—"It is thought not improbable that many of the recent fires in Texas have resulted from the excessive drought which has prevailed in that State. At any rate the stories circulated are of the most exaggerated character."

A Pittsburg paper speaks of a new invention in regard to the application of compressed air to the propulsion of city railroad cars. The cars can be run with more than ordinary speed, from six to eight miles, with six hundred pounds of air.

The Prince of Wales reached Quebec on Saturday afternoon, and landed amid great enthusiasm, under salutes from the batteries and ships of war. He was received by the Mayor, civic dignitaries and members of the Canadian Cabinet.

Joseph Fleming, who has been identified with the cotton manufacturing interests of Philadelphia for more than thirty-five years, died last week. He was the proprietor of the well known "Spring Mills," near Fairmount.

At Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 17, while the convicts were at work on the capital grounds, three of the number concealed themselves, and quietly and unobserved escaped.—None of them have been taken.

The University of Georgia has been re-organized by the election of Prof. A. A. Lipscomb, D. D., President and Rev. A. B. Lettles and Oratory.

Mr. Yancey read a letter in Huntsville, Ala., on Saturday last, purporting to be written in Athens, Ala., warning him that if he spoke in Huntsville he would be assassinated.

The World newspaper is published at a loss of \$800 a day, says the New York correspondent of the Boston Post.

Rev. James Martineau, of London, the famous Unitarian preacher, cannot visit this country, this fall.

POLITICAL.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.—In the Staunton Convention on Saturday, Mr. M. G. Harman presented the following report from the Committee on Conference:

"The committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Charlottesville Convention, having failed to receive any response to their last dispatches, which were telegraphed to the Charlottesville committee on last evening, ask to be discharged, believing, as they do, from the failure and neglect on the part of the Charlottesville committee to return even a reply to our dispatch, that the Charlottesville Convention have no just terms of compromise to submit. The dispatches are as follows:

"To President of Staunton Convention:—Having been appointed chairman of a committee to ascertain the disposition of the Convention over which you preside, as to the re-nomination and harmony of the disrupted Democracy of our State, I respectfully enclose you a copy of the resolutions, and the names of the committee appointed under the authority thereof. [Here follow the resolutions and names.]

"To M. G. Harman, esq.—I enclose you the above communication, which you will please present to your President. Appoint a committee, and if possible come over. I carried the resolution by an overwhelming majority, in the face of strong opposition."

"To Ex-Gov. Smith: The President of the Staunton Convention has received your dispatch, and reports that the Convention here has appointed a committee of five to confer with the committee appointed by the Charlottesville Convention. The committee from your Convention will be expected in Staunton with the train."

"Signed by M. G. Harman, J. H. Cox, etc."

"To M. G. Harman: Dispatch received too late to go by express. I would suggest to you the propriety of adopting the same ticket, and voting for the same, your body and the voters designating on their tickets their preference, Breckinridge or Douglas as the case may be. The electors to cast the vote of the State in conformity with the majority ascertained."

"To M. G. Harman: I have telegraphed three times to Ex-Gov. Smith, and can get no reply. What do you propose to do?"

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

At a meeting of the citizens of Washington, held at Abingdon, August 10, 1860, to take into consideration, the late action of the Board of Directors of the Virginia and Kentucky Railroad Company, it was Resolved, "That this meeting do respectfully request the Directors of the Virginia and Kentucky Railroad Company, to reconsider their action had at a meeting of their Board held in Jonesville on the 20th of July last, by which they fixed the Eastern terminus of said road at Gooch."

It is estimated, says the *Lewisburg Chronicle*, that the cars will run to White Sulphur Springs, by the 1st day of June, 1862.—Much of the heavy work on the Coenogton road, between Covington and the Springs, is now rapidly advanced towards completion. The arching of the Allegheny Tunnel is an undertaking of considerable magnitude, though the work is progressing with becoming rapidity.

The last Legislature of Virginia passed an act authorizing the licensing of ale, porter, or beer houses, and putting them on the same footing with other drinking establishments. Grocers, confectioners and others, therefore, who sell ale, porter, or beer, or such like drinks, without obtaining the requisite license, may be fined \$50 by a jury for each offense. The license for the privilege of selling is \$20.

The crowd at Warrenton Springs is overflowing. More than five hundred have been there since Tuesday. Still they come and are comfortably taken care of. Among the visitors there at present are Lt. Gov. Montague, Hon. Jno. S. Pendleton, Capt. Chas. Danmick, of Richmond.

SICKNESS IN GILES COUNTY.—We learn that Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever and Dysentery are prevailing to an alarming extent in Giles County in this state, and that several cases have terminated fatally.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Stockholders in the Virginia and Tennessee Company will be held at the hall of their depot, in the city of Lynchburg, on Wednesday, the 12th day of September next.

Rev. W. S. Baird, has accepted the position of Principal of the Wesleyan Female Institute, Staunton, vacated by the resignation of Rev. B. Arbogast.

Dr. Richard Thornton, a prominent citizen of Halifax county, died at the Allegheny Springs on Friday last.

The Hon. George W. Hopkins has declared for Douglas.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

A letter from Paris says: "Kossuth's prolonged stay in Paris has not been without meaning. The certain grant of a liberal constitution and a separate government to Hungary, and the talk of the Bourse recently. A deeply-aided and most extensive conspiracy, beginning in the old palace of Buda, has just been discovered, and was to have burst on the occasion of St. Stephen's Hungarian celebration, towards the end of August. The Emperor of Austria, acting under the advice of the Regent of Prussia, has made known his intention of according Hungarian independence on the 18th, his natal day."